GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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REPORT ON DEFORESTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether deforestation has been accelerating for the past few years in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined the report entitled `taking a standing cultivating a new relationship with the world`s forests`; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to implement the suggestions made in the report?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) No, Sir. Forest Survey of India is assessing forest cover of the country biennially since 1987.Forest cover of the country has declined from 19.49% to 19.27% in the period from 1981-83 to 1993-1995. However, forest cover of the country has marginally increased to 19.39% in the period from 1996-1998.

(b) So far no such report has come to the notice of the Ministry .

(c) Does not arise.